shown decline over the corresponding period of previous five years.

(c) The Government had put a quantitative restriction on export of coffee besides banning export of few grades of coffee from August 1994. These restrictions were removed on 31st December, 1994 after prices had stabilised. However, the price of coffee continues to be influenced by international novement of prices as well as supply-demand balance.

Sugar Purchased by STC and MMTC

2054. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of sugar recently purchased by the State Trading Corporation and the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC);

(b) whether it was a part of the commercial trading by these two agencies;

(c) if so, how was it disposed of and at what profit; and

(d) if not, the end-use of this white sugar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Pursuant to Government's directive to purchase sugar on forward contracting, both STC and MMTC taken together have so far contracted a quantity of about 3.63 lakh tonnes of sugar at an average C&F price of about US $ 427.65 PMT with delivery schedules in July and August '95. Decision on the end use of this sugar has not so far been taken.

मध्य प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के गोदामों की स्थापना किए जाने का प्रस्ताव

2055. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार का मध्य प्रदेश के ऐसे जिलों में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के कार्यालय/गोदाम स्थापित किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है, जिनमें इस समय कोई भी कार्यालय/गोदाम नहीं है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) भारतीय खाद्य निगम का मध्य प्रदेश क्षेत्र में तीन जिला कार्यालय, जिनके मुख्यालय मंदिरहुसौद, बस्तर और इटारसी में होंगे और (1) नेवरा (2) धामात्री (3) कटनी में तीन गोदाम स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है। मेघनगर में गोदाम निर्माणाधीन है।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Demand of Foodgrains from States

2056. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is surplus of foodgraings exceeding 30 million tonnes with the F.C.I.;

(b) what are the details of foodgrains supplied to various States and Union Territories by the FCI;

(c) whether there has been any demand from State of Orissa to increase the quota of foodgrains to be distributed through P.D.S.; and

(d) if so, why the demand has not been fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. The stock position of rice and wheat in the Central Pool with FCI as on 1.1.1995 was as under:—

(In Million Tonnes)

RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL
17.45	12.88	30.33

(b) A quantity of 43.18 lakh tonnes wheat and 73.04 lakh tonnes rice has been supplied to State Governments/ Union Territories during the current financial year 1994-95 (Upto February, 1995).

(c) and (d) Recently no such request

has been received from the State of Orissa in the Ministry of Food. However, on the request made by the State Government during March, 1994, the allocation of wheat to Orissa was raised from 30,000 MTs to 35,000 MTs per month from May, 1994 to April, 1995.

Charges for Stockpile of Foodgrains with FCI

2057. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the carrying cost, including cost of storage and other charges, on account of the stockpile of foodgrains with the Food Corporation of India in 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the total subsidy on account of foodgrains released for public distribution through the Food Corporation during the three years indicated above; and

(c) whether Government, instead of adding to the stockpile, would consider releasing through the public distribution system larger quantities of grains than in the past at subsidised rates to poorer consumers?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The carrying cost, including cost of storage and other charges incurred by Food Corporation of India for maintenance of buffer stock of foodgrains in 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under:—

Year	Rs./Crores
1992-93	450.69
1993-94	1245.34
1994-95 (RE)	1719.00

(b) Food subsidy is released/paid to the Food Corporation of India for reibursement of (i) the difference between economic cost of foodgrains and their issue prices *viz.* consumer subsidy; and (ii) carrying cost of buffer stocks. Since 1992-93 Government has released/paid the follwing amounts to the F.C.I. as food subsidy:—

Year	Rs./Crores
1992-93	2,785
1993-94	5,537

In the Budget for 1994-95, a provision of Rs.5,100 crore has been made on this account. Out of this Rs. 4000 crores (including Rs. 574 crores on sugar) have so far been released towards food subsidy.

(c) Though the liftings of foodgrains under the Public Distribution System have declined due to easy availability of the same in the open market, Central Government has been making earnest endeavours to increase their off-take in the RPDS areas comprising of economically disadvantaged blocks all over the country for the benefit of poorer consumers.

Directions to FCI for Launching a Special Scheme to Procure Wheat

2058. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have directed the Food Corporation of India to launch a special scheme to procure wheat at higher rate from farmers who will sell their produce in October; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme including the increased rates?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Setting up of Sugar Mills in Orissa

2059. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar mills set up in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to promote cooperative sugar mills;